voluntary blood donation, timely treatment of STDs and developing a positive attitude towards those infected with HIV/AIDS.

Health and Family Welfare Programmes in NER

1512. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the on-going programmes of Health and Family Welfare in the North-Eastern Region, State-wise;

(b) the reviewing measures contemplated by Government after his visit to this region; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to appoint an attendant-cum-chowkidar for the Primary Health Sub-Centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) National Family Welfare Programme and National Disease Control Programmes for control of Malaria, TB, Leprosy, Blindness and HIV/AIDS are being implemented in all the State of the North Eastern Region. North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences is also being established at Shillong. The project provides for 35 teaching speciality/Super-speciality Departments with a 500 bedded referral hospital and a Nursing College with an intake of 50 students per year. National Surveillance Programme for Communicable diseases is in operation in 3 districts of Assam, one district each in Manipur and Meghalaya and 2 districts of Tripura.

(b) The health and family welfare programmes are being regularly reviewed and monitored through periodic reports submitted by State/ District Societies, review meetings at district, State and Central level and field visits.

(c) No such specific proposal is under consideration of the Central Government Appointment of staff in Primary Health Centres and Sub-Centres are done by respective State Governments.